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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Certification and Registration of Renewable Energy
Facilities Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 118.05

05-GF-115

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

Comments Due: Thursday, October 4, 2001 – Noon	Address Comments To: Lynda L. Dorr, Secretary to the Commission Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI 53707-7854 FAX (608) 266-3957
FAX Due: Wednesday, October 3, 2001 – Noon	

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to determine if Units 2, 3, and 4 of the Tomahawk Power & Pulp Company (TPP) hydroelectric facility are non-excludable renewable energy facilities pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.378 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 118.05. Wis. Stat. § 196.378(1)(e) defines “Excludable renewable energy” as that portion of an electric provider’s energy that is supplied from facilities placed in service before January 1, 1998. Wis. Stat. § 196.378(2)(b)3 requires that any amount of renewable energy exceeding 0.6 percent of an electric providers retail sales shall be excluded from the electric providers total renewable energy. The effect of determining that three units of TPP are non-excludable would be to allow energy from these units to be used to meet the Renewable Portfolio Standard that gradually increases to 2.2 percent in 2011.

On September 29, 2000, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) filed registration information with the Commission indicating that the TPP facility, consisting of four units with a total summer rated capacity of 2.74 MW, was placed in service on June 1, 1980; therefore causing the total facility to be classified as excludable. On August 14, 2001, WPSC requested that units 2, 3, and 4 be reclassified based on a March 28, 2001, letter to Commission staff from TPP.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an

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investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission requests comments on the above issues. Any party who desires to file comments should submit an original and 15 copies as indicated in the box on page 1. Members of the public need only file an original. These comments must be received by noon on Thursday, October 4, 2001. Comments by fax are due one day earlier. Fax filing cover sheets must state "Official Filing" and include the docket number and the number of pages (limit of 20 pages). File by one mode only.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Paul Helgeson at (608) 266-3905 or helgep@psc.state.wi.us.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Edward S. Marion
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